

U.S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management  
Carson City District Office

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION  
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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**Project Lead:** J. Hufnagle, Realty Specialist

**Field Office:** Sierra Front

**Lead Office:** Sierra Front

**Case File/Project Number:** NVN089931 ROW

**Applicable Categorical Exclusion** (cite section): *516 DM 11.9 E. Realty* (9) Renewals and assignments of leases, permits, or rights-of-way where no additional rights are conveyed beyond those granted by the original authorizations. & (12) Grants of rights-of-way wholly within the boundaries of other compatibly developed rights-of-way. & (16) Acquisition of easements for an existing road or issuance of leases, permits, or rights-of-way for the use of existing facilities, improvements, or sites for the same or similar purposes.

**NEPA Number:** DOI-BLM-NV-2011-C020-0511-CX

**Project Name:** Yerington Paiute Tribe Water System ROW

**Project Description:** The Yerington Paiute Tribe has applied for a right-of-way (ROW) on public land in Lyon County, Nevada to extend the Campbell Ranch community water system to serve the Rite of Passage Athletic Training Center & School facility (ROP) located on the Yerington Paiute Tribe Reservation. The project would provide ROP with a drinking water source that meets regulatory requirements for arsenic contact and a water supply for fire protection. Estimated daily use of potable water at ROP is 39,600 gallons. The project is funded in part by USDA Rural Development. The proposal is for installation of an 8-inch waterline to be buried a minimum of 42 inches deep, mainly along the west side of Rosachi Road. The application also includes renewal of ROW NVN019700 as a part of new ROW for the Tribe's existing waterline and storage tanks. Construction is proposed for this summer or upon ROW issuance and is anticipated to occur over a 3-month period.

There are a number of utility line ROWs as well as Rosachi Road already in existence in this immediate area. The proposed buried water line would be compatible with the developed rights-of-way and little new surface disturbance is anticipated.

Dimensions: ROW for the new waterline would be 5,274.66 feet in length and 20 feet in width, containing 2.42 acres. ROW for the existing facilities would be 4,400 feet in length and 15 feet in width with a 100 feet x 100 feet site for the water tanks and related facilities on 1.74 acres. Total acreage of the new ROW would be 4.16 acres.

**Applicant Name:** Yerington Paiute Tribe  
171 Campbell Lane  
Yerington, NV 89447

**Project Location:** T. 14 N., R 25 E.,  
section 18, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
section 19, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
section 20, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

**BLM Acres for the Project Area:** 4.16 acres

**Land Use Plan Conformance** (cite reference/page number): **Lands and Realty Administrative Actions 3.** All applicants for right-of-way grants, whether or not they are within corridors, are subject to standard approval procedures as outlined in the right-of-way regulations (43 CFR 2802)/ROW-4

**Name of Plan:** NV – Carson City RMP.

**Screening of Extraordinary Circumstances:** The following extraordinary circumstances apply to individual actions within categorical exclusions (43 CFR 46.215). The BLM has considered the following criteria:

(Specialist  
review:  
initial in  
appropriate box)

| <i>If any question is answered 'yes' an EA or EIS must be prepared.</i>  | YES | NO                      |
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| 1. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on public health or safety? (project lead/P&EC)  |     | gjt                     |
| 2. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (EO 11990); floodplains (EO 11988); national monuments; migratory birds (EO 13186); and other ecologically significant or critical areas? (wildlife biologist, hydrologist, outdoor recreation planner, archeologist) |     | PZ<br>nc<br>SL/RC<br>AC |
| 3. Would the Proposed Action have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA 102(2)(E)]? (project lead/P&EC)  |     | gjt                     |
| 4. Would the Proposed Action have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks? (project lead/P&EC)   |     | gjt                     |
| 5. Would the Proposed Action establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects? (project lead/P&EC)   |     | gjt                     |
| 6. Would the Proposed Action have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects? (project lead/P&EC)   |     | gjt                     |
| 7. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the NRHP as determined by the bureau or office? (archeologist)   |     | SL/RC                   |
| 8. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the list of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species? (wildlife biologist, botanist)   |     | PZ<br>BT                |
| 9. Would the Proposed Action violate federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment? (project lead/P&EC)  |     | gjt                     |
| 10. Would the Proposed Action have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EA 12898)? (project lead/P&EC)  |     | gjt                     |
| 11. Would the Proposed Action limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (EO 13007)? (archeologist)  |     | SL/RC                   |
| 12. Would the Proposed Action contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and EO 13112)? (botanist)   |     | BT                      |

**SPECIALISTS' REVIEW:** During ID Team consideration of the above Proposed Action and extraordinary circumstances, the following specialists reviewed this CX:

Jo Ann Hufnagle, Realty Specialist  
Arthur Callan, Outdoor Recreation Planner  
Nicki Cutler, Hydrologist  
Rachel Crews, Archaeologist  
Pilar Ziegler, Wildlife Biologist/BLM Sensitive Species - Wildlife  
Dean Tonenna, Botanist - Natural Resource Specialist/BLM Sensitive Species - Plants  
Brian Buttazoni, Planning & Environmental Coordinator

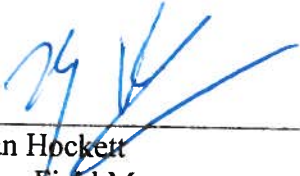
Although BLM Sensitive Species is not described in one of the 12 extraordinary circumstances question, review of the applicability of this CX has taken them into consideration.

**CONCLUSION:** Based upon the review of this Proposed Action, I have determined that the above-described project is a categorical exclusion, in conformance with the LUP, and does not require an EA or EIS. A categorical exclusion is not subject to protest or appeal.

**DECISION:** It is my decision to implement the action, as described and approve the ROW for a 30-year term, with right to renew, subject to standard terms, conditions and stipulations and the following special stipulations:

- All above-ground structures not subject to safety requirements shall be painted by the holder to blend with the natural color of the landscape. A flat, non-reflective paint shall be used.
- In compliance with federal laws and regulations, including the National Historic Preservation Act and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, a cultural monitor must be present during all ground disturbing activities on public lands.
- The holder shall contact and coordinate final design and installation of the authorized facilities with Southwest Gas Corporation (holder of right-of-way grant NVN 062948) and Paiute Pipeline Company (holder of right-of-way grant NVN 065076) to meet minimum clearance requirements for safety, operation and maintenance of existing facilities.

Approved by:

  
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Bryan Hockett  
Acting Field Manager  
Sierra Front Field Office

  
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(date)